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MORDECHAI ROSENSTEIN

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

DECEMBER 1 - 3, 2022

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Rabbi Eliott Perlstein

Michael Goldstein

President's Message



THE STORY OF THE אוהב שלום STAINED GLASS

The story of the beautiful stained glass art which now adorns our synagogue with the inscription אוהב שלום begins in October, 2019. The story of the stained glass itself goes back much further. How much further? We don't know. Was it ever part of another synagogue called Ohev Shalom? We would love to know, but we don't.

So, in October 2019, this somewhat serendipitous story begins with Scott Goldstein, who grew up in our synagogue, became a Bar Mitzvah and was confirmed here. Scott, who is an attorney in a center city law firm, has a colleague whose wife Hope is a stained glass artist. Someone had given her this piece some twenty years ago, and it had been sitting in her basement ever since. To make an interesting but complicated story short, the existence of this piece came to the attention of Scott Goldstein, who immediately shared the story with his parents, Sam and Gail Goldstein. Sam and Gail then asked me if I might be interested in this stained glass coming to Ohev Shalom. I was surely interested with the first step being actually seeing it.

On a rainy December day, a couple of months later, Gail and I met with Hope at her home studio in the shadow of Drexel University. We walked through the house, entered the studio, and saw a somewhat sad looking piece of stained glass lying flat on a table. The colors were dull, and parts of the glass were broken. I then thought we should lift the glass, and if possible, shine some light from behind and get a second impression. We did just that, and the colors started coming alive. This stained glass definitely had a future, but a great deal of work would have to be done to restore it. At that point I envisioned this art finding a new home in our Ohev Shalom, but the decision was with Gail and Sam. Over the years, they have been exemplars of generous giving to our synagogue. I was therefore not surprised when they told me that they commissioned Hope to begin the restoration project, which went on for some six months. With all of that work completed, the next question was how to frame it.

Sam and Gail spoke to a good friend, Joe Hurwitz, also a dear member of Ohev Shalom, who they thought might be capable of creating an appropriate frame housing the necessary lighting. Joe is the President and CEO of Ace Designs in Bristol, Pa. Some years ago, I had visited Joe at his large production facility where they manufacture custom fixtures for just about any kind of display. I left amazed by the work going on there.

Unfortunately, Joe was dealing with the business effects of Covid at the time. He was forced to downsize, and he lost a couple of his top designers. This was not a good time to take on such a project, but Joe did just that. Also envisioning this piece beautifying our synagogue, Joe contributed the materials, his design staff's talents and all the labor involved.

A little-known fact is that we have an Arts Committee that decides what and where anything hangs inside the Irv and Elaine Levin Building, including the Jerry and Zelda Gottesman Grand Hall. After considering a few other sites, the committee's decision was to display this magnificently restored stained glass in its present location.

Many have commented to me how much they love this beautiful piece of art. Many have asked me what the meaning is of the # just to the left of the words אוהב שלום. I am sure this stained glass precedes the era of hashtags, so that can't be it. Number Ohev Shalom doesn't make any sense. If it has any Judaic meaning, I have not come across it. If it provides any particular meaning to you, please let me know. I am open to any and all ideas.

And so, my thanks to Scott Goldstein, who was, in effect, the *shadkhan* for all of this; to Sam and Gail for wanting to bring it to our synagogue and having it restored to its pristine beauty; and to Joe for creating the backlit frame that makes the glass truly come alive. We are not giving up learning more about its history. If we discover anything, I will surely update this story.

I hope you all either joined in person or joined our livestream for our wonderful High Holy Day services. Thanks aren't nearly enough to Rabbi, Cantor, Barbara, Hilary, and the entire staff and volunteers for all of their efforts in bringing us all smooth, beautiful, spiritual, and meaningful services.

While the High Holidays are now behind us, there is still an opportunity to contribute to the High Holiday Appeal in a way meaningful to you and your family. Any size gift will help Ohev Shalom continue to operate and provide the opportunities and experiences from which we all benefit.

I would also like to reiterate that Ohev Shalom has some amazing events and programs planned for the year. Two that that are quickly approaching, and that my wife Courtney and I are particularly excited to attend, include Yad LaKashish coming to Ohev on November 17th. As you may know, Yad LaKashish makes beautiful Judaica products through a program where they provide creative work opportunities for Jerusalem's elderly residents. Representatives from Yad LaKashish will be on hand to present their products and tell us about their unique mission.

The other event begins on Thursday, December 1st and continues throughout the weekend, when world renowned artist Mordechai Rosenstein joins us at Ohev. During his time with us at Ohev, we'll have an opportunity to create our own artwork under Mordechai's guidance, and possibly assist him as he paints a work of art for Ohev.

There are so many more events and programs that I didn't mention. I encourage you to visit the Ohev calendar at https://www.ohev.org/whats-happening/calendar-of-events/ to view them all.

These events are not the only opportunities to stay connected with Ohev throughout the year. Please come and pray with us on a Friday night Shabbat, or Saturday morning, or join the Weekday minyan on Zoom. You can also make a commitment to volunteering to assist in running an event. Get involved, engage with the synagogue and your fellow congregants.

I look forward to seeing you and family at Ohev throughout the year.

Michael

I WANT TO KNOW!

What are we doing to maintain our security at Ohev?

The answer from Michael Zimet.

Security today is an unfortunate necessity, but we continue focusing on it to ensure that Ohev is always a safe, welcoming place for us all.

From the moment you're greeted by one of our trained guards, we continue taking steps to make Ohev secure and comfortable. Although we can't publish many specifics, we're sure you'll notice continuing enhancements.

We're blessed with outstanding support from the Northampton Township Police Department, which includes regular patrols in our parking area. In addition, we're conducting walk-throughs of our facility for all the officers, to make them familiar with the building, in case of any emergency. The Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad has reviewed and complimented us on our first aid resources, which includes an AED, Stop the Bleed kits, Narcan and other equipment we'll hopefully never need. A recent inspection by the Northampton Township Fire Department has helped us identify even more opportunities to ensure everyone's

Perhaps the most important aspect of security is training. We recently completed emergency response training for our clergy, staff, and teachers. And we'll soon begin offering several training opportunities for you, our congregants.

We're delighted that Federation has finally partnered with the Secure Community Network, the official safety and security organization for the Jewish communities of North America. In partnership with SCN and our own security company, we'll soon offer both online and in-person learning opportunities for everyone. These will include not only how to respond to active threats, but also simple steps we can take for our own personal safety and security at home and wherever we go. Please watch for announcements in your email.

And don't forget: when coming to shul – whether for services or any other activity – please bring your fob!

Although we can't publish many details about our security protocols, we're happy to answer any questions you may have or even give private walk-throughs to make you aware and comfortable. Please feel free to reach out to Michael Zimet when you see him, or email him at zimet1@gmail.com.

What Do You Want to Know but Were Afraid to Ask?

How many times has a question crossed your mind, and Google didn't provide a satisfying answer? Have you forgotten the question you had when you were in Shul, only to remember after you arrived home? Well, fret no more.

This is your chance to have your thoughts heard, your questions answered. Do you have questions about Conservative Judaism? or what is Kosher? or how our security system is protecting us? or anything at all that can be answered by our clergy, board members, officers, or anyone else?

Address your questions to "I Want to Know" and email to sharongoldstein@earthlink.net. Be sure to include your full name. Let me know if you want your name published, or your initials, or Curious Congregant. I'll forward your question to the appropriate people under my name.

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Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo



KIDDUSH KLUB

Want to come to services but don't want to rush home to eat? Would you like to get to know some of the Ohev Shalom folks in a more relaxed, enjoyable setting? Do you like free food? Join Ohev Shalom's new initiative- The Kiddush Klub!

This new initiative invites everyone in our Ohev community to join together after Shabbat morning services and share a meal! It's that simple!

In the 2022-2023 year, we have 6 meals set for every other month on the third Saturday. Our first was on August 20. The rest of the dates are: October 22, December 17, February 18, April 15, and June 17.

Our intention is not to recreate Bubbe Gourmet, an Ohev-grown catering business where folks gave a certain amount to pay for a luncheon or sweet treats for a special simcha, but rather we are asking that if you feel moved to, please donate so that we have enough funds to make these lunches more frequent in coming months, and G-d willing, for future years.

We are inviting folks to give donations by either monetary terms or by time you are lending to help with set-up/clean up. The amount we suggest is \$180 for the year, \$90 for half the year, or if you're more comfortable, whatever amount moves you.

You can donate on the donation page of Ohev's website, under the title of "Cantor's Discretionary Fund" with the attention to "Kiddush Klub." This donation can be through PayPal or sending a check to the office. If you do pay by PayPal (electronically online), I will be alerted to your donation. If you pay by check and send it to the synagogue, please add "Kiddush Klub" to the memo, and be sure to send me an email, so I can make a note of it!

If you are interested in helping out with your time, we welcome you to help set up/clean up before and after the luncheon for that Saturday. Folks usually show up at 11 am to help with set up, and stay a little later for clean up.

At our first KK, the catering company plated most of the food, so there wasn't much to do, but we're happy for folks willing to help clean up.

If you donate, we share your names (if you're open to it) in our Shabbat supplement so we can acknowledge your generosity.

No need to RSVP! Please join us for services and bring your appetite!

Looking forward to sharing a Shabbos meal with you!

Cantor Ocanto-Romo

SIMCHAT TORAH AT OHEV SHALOM







MAX KUSHNER, OCTOBER 16, 2022

I'm 13 years old and my birthday is September 2, 2009. I live in Holland, PA and am a 7th grader at Holland Middle School. I live with my parents, Kimberly & Michael Kushner, as well as sister, Abbey (10th grader at Council Rock South) and sister, Remi (5th grader at Churchville Elementary). Additionally, I live with my new favorite living being, puppy, Tonka - a 7 month old Bernadoodle.

I started at Ohev Shalom as an infant. My hobbies include golf, computer programming, video games, cello, and puppy training. My Bar Mitzvah project is extremely important to the Kushner family. They are raising funds for Camp No Worries, a week-long camp for children with cancer and their siblings.

I would like to thank Rabbi Perlstein and Cantor Annelise for helping prepare for my special day on October 16th. I will be sharing this special day with cousin, Ezra.



ARIELLE BIRENBAUM, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Hi, my name is Arielle Birenbaum. I am in 7th grade and I am turning 13 in October. I go to Murray Avenue Middle School and I live with my mom and dad, my sister, and my cat. I can't wait for my Bat Mitzvah on November 5, 2022.

My favorite pastimes are reading a book or playing video games with my friends. My favorite book series is Wings of Fire, but I also like the Warrior Cats series. When I am in school I play the trumpet in the band, which I have been playing since 4th grade. I plan on continuing it through high school. I also plan on joining the softball team at Murray Avenue.

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I plan on volunteering at JRA, the Jewish Relief Agency. People who work at JRA pack and deliver food to the people less fortunate than us. I hope to become part of that program.



JOSH ROZENGARTEN, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

Hello, my name is Joshua Rozengarten, and I will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 26, 2022. I have been enjoying going to Ohev Shalom since I was just a couple months old. I started studying for my Bar Mitzvah when I was in Kitah Bet or second grade. After that I have been involved with Hebrew school on a weekly basis, where I have enjoyed seeing my friends and learning about my religion.

I live in Richboro with a caring mother and father and a loving older sister, Abby. I also used to live with my older brother, Toby before he turned eighteen and went to college. I enjoy spending time with my dog Daisy outside in my backyard and playing soccer with my father and sister. I am on a Langhorne soccer team called the Vikings, and I play right defense. However, on my school team, the Holland Hawks, I'm a striker. In school I enjoy social studies, much and the speed and independence of middle school as approved



enjoy social studies, math and the speed and independence of middle school as opposed to elementary school. Also, I am hoping to join the ski club. Lastly, I enjoy riding my bike with friends and playing basketball.

My Bar Mitzvah project was to raise enough school supplies to give to an entire class of 34 students in Philadelphia. For this we collected school supplies such as binders, pencils, coloring tools, folders, and pencil cases. We donated the remaining material to the United Way's Bristol Help Center. I finished this project late August, 2022.

I would like to give my thanks to all my teachers I have had since preschool, and a special thanks to Cantor Annelise and Rabbi Perlstein for the help they have given me throughout my journey to become a Bar Mitzvah. I would also like to thank my father Michael and sister for helping me with my D'var Torah and for practicing with me when I needed help. Lastly, I'd like to thank my mom for helping me with my Bar Mitzvah project.

Ohev Shalom wishes Ellie Zmuida, our long-time bookkeeper, the best of luck in her retirement.

All financial and billing questions can now be directed to Executive Director, Barbara Glickman <u>bglickman@hev.org</u>

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Single player with a special hand Joan Enders









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Sisterhood
Rabbi's Book Review
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The Netanyahus
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Paperback and the County Library

6:30 PM
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November 10, 2022

The great nose job.

Dropsie University Philadelphia

Murder on the Beach in Tel Aviv

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Please donate COATS, HATS & GLOVES new or gently used ADULT- SIZED ONLY



TUESDAY thru SUNDAY December 6 thru 11 10 AM to 3 PM AT OHEV'S LOADING DOCK

Ohev supports the work of the RESCUE MISSION of TRENTON, a non-sectarian agency which serves truly needy men and women who have no place to turn.

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Please come out to donate at the

Ohev Shalom Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 3:00 - 8:00 PM

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County 944 Second Street Pike Richboro, PA 18954

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY Go to www.redcrossblood.org Search by sponsor code: ohevrichboro

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Sunday, October 30 and Tuesday, November 1 to Friday, November 4 10 am - 3 pm

Please share with our neighbors in need canned and boxed nonperishable food, preferably related to Thanksgiving (canned corn, yams/sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, beans and boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix).

Please drop off your donations in bags or boxes on the loading dock by the kitchen on Sunday, October 30 and Tuesday, November 1 to Friday, November 4 - 10 AM to 3 PM.

For more information, please call the Ohev Shalom office at 215-322-9595.

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Ohev Social Action Update - You can help!

SUNDAY, 10/30 - FRIDAY, 11/4 - 10 AM - 3 PM (except Monday) NORTHAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOOD DRIVE

Ohev Shalom, along with many other houses of worship in our area, is celebrating Northampton Township's 300th anniversary by joining in the community food drive organized by our township's police department. The food will be given to local families in need. Let's show our community commitment by dropping off Thanksgiving-oriented canned goods and non-perishables to the bins on Ohev's loading dock on Sunday 10/30 and then Tuesday 11/1 through Friday 11/4.

TUESDAY, 12/6 - SUNDAY, 12/11 - 10 AM - 3 PM ADULT-SIZE WINTER COAT, HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

The Rescue Mission of Trenton

Please donate new or gently used adult-size coats, gloves, and hats to help others be warm this winter. Ohev is supporting the work of the Rescue Mission of Trenton, a non-sectarian agency which serves truly needy men and women who have no place to turn for shelter, food and clothing. Please drop your items to the bins on Ohev's loading dock on Tuesday 12/6 through Sunday 12/11.

TUESDAY, 12/13 - 3 PM - 8 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

You are invited to help save a life on Tuesday, December 13 between 3 and 8 PM. Ohev is again proudly partnering with the Red Cross, and we need your help to make this blood drive a success.

Please sign up on the Red Cross website (www.redcross<u>blood.org</u>) and search for Ohev's drive (ohevrichboro). Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment and become part of this lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and Ohev Shalom!

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023- Cooking meals for the homeless

During 2022, dozens of Ohev congregants have joined with members of other synagogues and churches to help feed the homeless and those in need in Bucks County. Ohev pledged to provide 30+ meals on our assigned days to support our neighbors. Our generous congregants signed up, prepared the promised meal(s) in their homes, and then dropped the meal(s) to the chairperson's home before dinner time. The meals were picked up by AHTD - Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need and distributed that same evening to individuals at set locations in Morrisville, Bristol, and Croydon.

As we start our second year of this program, we are continuing our commitment for the fifth Monday of the months which have that date on the calendar. In 2023, those dates would be January 30, May 29, July 31, and October 30.

A donated meal packed in a storage or take-out container might be:

- Casserole with side of veggies
- Pasta with cheese and peas
- Salad with two hard boiled eggs
- Hoagie and chips

It is helpful to add disposable utensils, napkin and drink. A granola bar, fruit, or peanut butter crackers would be a nice addition. The portions should be for an adult, as this food may be the only meal the person will have that day.

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To join this project, please sign up via the link on our flyer on Ohev.org.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OHEV'S HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

The staff of the Penndel Food Pantry of the Bucks County Housing Group expressed their sincere appreciation for the generosity and kindness of the Ohev Shalom community. During our recent High Holy Day Food Drive, Ohev congregants donated over 1000 pounds of food. While loading the many bags of groceries, the food bank representative commented on the volume and quality of the donations: tuna fish, peanut butter, beans, etc. We received a warm thank acknowledging the thoughtfulness of the Ohev congregants.

THANKS FOR SUPPORT OF OHEV'S PROJECT HOME BOOK COLLECTION

We proudly delivered over 15 boxes of books to Project Home supporting the Gloria Casarez Home for LGBTQ+ Young Adults. Project Home Books is a social enterprise in which people who have experienced homelessness sell used books online while earning a living wage, learning critical skills, and raising funds for this exemplary charity.

We hope you will get involved in one of our many projects. New ideas are always welcome. If you are interested in joining our committee or participating in our activities, or if you have any suggestions or questions, please contact us at ohev@ohev.org or contact Carol at gersongroup@comcast.net or 267-243-4414.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Sherrie Kohn Eisman and Michael Eisman Stella and Jeremy Linson

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Calendar, 2022-2023. Leslie Kreithen-Chair

Mark your calendars now for this year's exciting Adult Ed programs, all on Zoom. The first program is at 7:30 PM; the balance are on Thursday afternoons at 2 PM.

- 1. **Thurs, Nov 3, 2022.** *Stephen Sondheim Tribute.* **Lee Slobodkin.7:30PM.** Enjoy a live musical presentation, featuring highlights from some of Steven Sondheim's works including *Company, Sweeney Todd*, and *Into the Woods*.
- 2. Thurs, Dec 8, 2022. Jewish Photographers You Should Know. Marvin Kreithen. 2PM. The Jewish imprint on photography is remarkable. From fine art, reportage, portraiture, fashion and street photography, a staggering number of influential photographers have been Jewish. In *TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential Photos*, Jewish photographers account for over 35% of the works.
- 3. **Thurs, Jan 12, 2023.** *The Jewish Mafia.* **Herb Kauffman. 2PM.** Learn about the myths, stories and events of the perilous period of Jewish American history, from prohibition through World War II, when Jewish mobsters ruled New York and much of the country. Who were the Jewish toughs, from mob bosses through enforcers, gunmen, and bootleggers?
- 4. Thurs, Feb 9, 2023. Marc Chagall in NYC. Sylvia Laudein-Meo. 2 PM. Like other leading exiled artists of his time, when Marc Chagall came to New York City during WWII, he worked, exhibited, and created major public works like the monumental paintings for the Metropolitan Opera, the glass windows for the UN, and for the Rockefeller family.
- 5. Thurs, March 23, 2023. Jews In Victorian Literature. Rabbi Carol Harris-Shapiro. 2PM. Victorian British literature offers clues to the attitudes towards Jews in the 19th century--the good, the bad and the ugly. Masterworks of literature from Charles Dickens, George Elliot and Anthony Trollope demonstrate how and why certain Jewish stereotypes became part of Victorian society.
- 6. Thurs, May 11, 2023. Restoration of Jewish Historic Sites in the Czech Republic, Rebecca Landau. 2PM. A European Union Grant and the Czech Culture Ministry's 10 Star Project has helped reconstruct and restore many Czech synagogues, cemeteries, rabbinical houses and Jewish study houses that were damaged or destroyed during World War II and the next 40 years when the country was under Communist rule.







Ohev Shalom Adult Education presents



Lee Slobotkin Thursday, November 3, 2022 7:30 PM

Stephen Sondheim Tribute

Click on the Virtual Daily Minyan link found in OH-EVents, #O-Happenings, Shabbat-O-Gram, or www.ohev.org Presentation is on Zoom and begins at 7:30 PM after minyan

Lee Slobotkin will delight us with A Stephen Sondheim Tribute! Sondheim (1930-2021), whose career spanned five decades, is considered the titan composer of American Musical Theatre. You do not want to miss this musical presentation, featuring highlights from some of Sondheim's most famous works including Company, Sweeney Todd, and Into the Woods.



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Marvin Kreithen
Thursday, December 8, 2022 2PM
Jewish Photographers You Should Know

Zoom link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81845746407? pwd=Ui9nL0t4bWluQnVEbHBsVUNHcndhZz09







The Jewish imprint on photography is remarkable. In no other visual art form except cinema over the last 100 years were Jews such a shaping force. From Alfred Stieglitz to Annie Leibowitz in fine art, reportage, portraiture, fashion and especially street photography, a staggering number of influential photographers have been Jewish. This talk will highlight the collection of TIME's 100 Most Influential Photos in which Jewish photographers are responsible for over 35% of the works.

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GAIL & ALLAN SILVERBERG

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022 CONGREGANTS OF THE MONTH

by Eileen Schein

The great, world-renowned Jewish writer and Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel, reminds us that "Our obligation is to give meaning to life..." Gail and Allan Silverberg, two of the most familiar faces at Ohev Shalom, have indeed followed this teaching. You may be surprised to learn about the backgrounds which helped to mold them into our November/December Congregants of the Month!

Gail's father Raymond served in the U.S. Army in Belgium during World War II. On a weekend visit to Manchester, England, he met Gail's mother Sylvia. They were so taken with one another that a two-year correspondence ensued, and Sylvia was brought to America and welcomed into Raymond's loving family. They were married two months to the day she after she arrived in America, in the family home in Strawberry Mansion. It was Gail's home as well until she was three years old.

Allan, on the other hand, was born in a Russian Labor Camp in Gruzia during World War II, where his mother was taken after returning to her shtetl in Stopnica, Poland, finding her family gone and the shtetl destroyed. After the War, Allan and his mother spent five and a half years in two Displaced Persons Camps in Germany while they waited to immigrate to America. In 1951, with the help of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and the Joint Distribution Committee, Allan's aunt and uncle were able to sponsor them to come to America. They eventually settled in Chicago and became members of Congregation Beth Yitzchok, where Allan became a Bar Mitzvah.

When her brother was preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, Gail realized that something was missing from her own life; an actual void in her being. Even though Jewish holidays were celebrated with family and friends, it became clear to her that she needed more. At the age of sixteen, she decided to learn more about Judaism and the importance of prayer. She began attending services on Friday nights and Shabbat mornings, studied Hebrew daily with her cantor, and joined the choir. Even as a student at Penn State, Gail continued to attend Shabbat services, walking across town to do so. She also became an active member of the Hillel there. Allan, in the meantime, began college but enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, eventually being assigned to an army base in Germany. Allan was honorably discharged after almost three years of service to our country, and completed his college degree on the GI Bill.

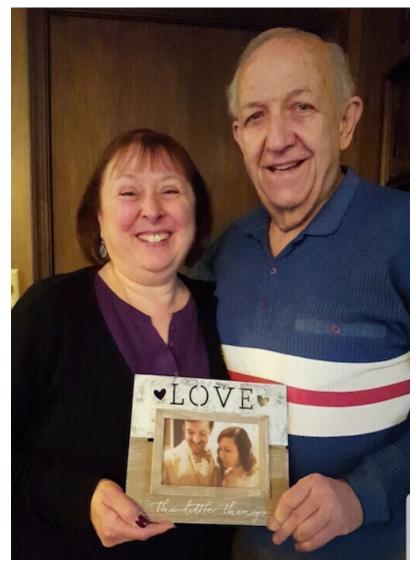
How and when did these two finally meet? From Chicago, to Philadelphia, to Bensalem, Allan began working for Hoshino, USA, a major company in the music industry. Gail had returned home from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Individually, they chose to attend a get-together for young Jewish professionals in October of 1976. They were married in December of 1977 at Temple Sinai in West Oak Lane. Shortly after their marriage, they bought a home in Bucks County. Through the gift of adoption, they began their family. Son Avi arrived in 1981, and Gail and Allan began their search for a synagogue. As so many others have mentioned, they found Ohev Shalom's congregation so welcoming, warm, and *haimeshdich* that they became members in 1984. Two years later, daughter Naomi joined the family, the same year that Gail achieved her dream of becoming a Bat Mitzvah as a member of Rabbi Perlstein's Adult Bat Mitzvah class. Naomi was named on our bimah, and both she and brother Avi attended Hebrew School at Ohev, as well as preschool and kindergarten at KleinLife, then known as the Klein Jewish Community Center. Both children became B'nai Mitzvah at Ohev, and Naomi went on to be confirmed. In the meantime, Gail was also fulfilling another life-long dream – that of becoming a social worker. From a hospital, to Child Protective Services with the Philadelphia Department of Public Welfare, to the Travelers Aid Society, to the Jewish Family Services in Bristol, and finally to the KleinLife In-Home Support Program (from which she retired after 20 years), Gail was able to help literally thousands of people in so many ways.

It is almost impossible to find an aspect of Ohev Shalom in which Gail and Allan have not participated. Gail has been an active member of Sisterhood, at one time co-editing the newsletter/booklet, *The Maven*. She was an active volunteer for Cook for a Friend. We can hear her beautiful voice in Ohev's Adult Choir, and also when she leads services from time to time. Gail has been a member of the Ohev Players from its inception and feels privileged to have been in Joseph, Fiddler, and The Music Man. Years ago, Gail was also involved with a play from another theater group at Ohev that was written by an Ohev member, Ilene Munetz Pachman. Allan has been an active member of Men's Club for many years. His heart and soul, however, are truly with the Jewish War Veterans Post 697 Holocaust Education Remembrance Program. He is instrumental in promoting, planning, and visiting as many places as he can to present this program, at no cost, to schools, churches, synagogues, community centers, libraries, and 55-and-over living communities, among others. Survivors and soldiers as well are part of this program. It is extremely important to Allan that people know the REAL stories, told to them by those who lived through this, survived, and

will never be forgotten. Before the Pandemic, more than 15,000 people were privileged to see this amazing program over a two year period. An avid bike rider, Allan participated in in the 60 mile Ride for the Living in Poland, from Auschwitz to Crakow several years ago. He and Gail also spent twelve days in Poland touring Holocaust-related sites with Dr. Michael Steinlauf of Gratz College. Presently, Allan makes deliveries for the JRA (Jewish Relief Agency) each month.

It should come as no surprise, then, that you can find the Silverbergs at services Friday nights, Shabbat mornings, Sunday mornings, and weekday evenings. Allan attends Shabbat services once a month at The Little Shul in South Philadelphia, one of the oldest surviving row home synagogues. They both graciously provide company and transportation to some of our congregants, performing this great mitzvah of bringing the community to Ohev. Before the Pandemic they made every attempt to attend as many Shiva minyanim as possible, to ensure that a loving, supportive minyan would be there for Ohev families. Gail and Allan's grandson Logan is part of our Inclusion B'Kavod program, and these proud grandparents support the wonderful activities that are provided.

Gail and Allan credit both of their mothers for helping to plant the seeds of their love for Judaism and the importance of being involved. Allan's mother Tobey would always say, "Be kind to others," even after the horrors she experienced and witnessed during the Holocaust. Gail's mother Sylvia taught by example the importance of kindness, acceptance, respect, and tolerance of others of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds. It is of the utmost importance to our Congregants of the Month for Ohev Shalom to remain strong, and to continue to provide a loving, supportive, inclusive, and welcoming presence- to give meaning to life! From their lips...



SISTERHOOD

I hope that everyone had the opportunity to be with friends and family as they celebrated the New Year 5783. You all should have received our beautiful New Year Greeting, designed by our very own artist-in-residence, Arlene Frimark.

Our schedule is lining up as follows:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 Sisterhood Opening Event

Thursday, November 10, 2022 Rabbi's Book Review - The Netanyahus

Babka Sale

Hanukkah Sweet

Watch your emails for all the details.

Remember-the Simcha Boutique is open on Sundays during Hebrew School, as well as by appointment.

This is the time of year we plan our programs. Do you have a passion, or some ideas for programs? Give me a shout out, be a part of our planning team, get involved! Email me: ivy.graff@gmail.com. Share your ideas with us!

Would you like to come to one of our board meetings? Email me- we would love to have you attend. Our board meetings are via Zoom from the comfort of your own home.

We are all in this together; if you need help with anything, reach out. We are always here to listen or lend a hand. That is what Sisterhood is all about!

Looking forward to seeing you,

B'Shalom,

Ivy Graff

Sisterhood President

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invites you to

Dedicate Yourself to Make Our Resources Last Longer

We are taught that, in the days of the second temple in Jerusalem, a one-day supply of oil kept the holy menorah lit for eight days. As we approach the holiday of Chanukah, let's dedicate ourselves to protect our earth, reduce consumption, and make our resources go further.

In the last Dove Tale, the Go Green team explored ways to reduce the amount of energy we use to heat and cool our homes. In this edition, let's look at other ways we can conserve resources and follow tenants of Judaism which instruct us to care for creation and preserve life for ourselves, our children, and our children's children.

Green Your Chanukah

Delight that favorite child with your time as you enjoy a trip to a park or share a museum membership together. Look on FaceBook-type groups or thrift shops to purchase used, well-made, sustainable toys.

Honor your friend with the gift of tzedakah to a Jewish or environmental group. Give something that is both useful and reusable: a reusable lunchbox, cloth napkins, a reusable water bottle. Use the gift to introduce a new way to be green: a gift of beeswax food wrap; stainless-steel straws; non-toxic, plastic free personal and household cleansers; silicone or glass food storage containers; or a ceramic countertop compost bin.

Instead of using wrapping paper, place the gift in a reusable grocery bag.

Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle - Only Buy What You Truly Need

Before you press "submit" on a purchase, ask yourself if what you're about to buy is necessary, multi-use and long-lasting. The more mindful we are about our purchases - being thoughtful about "needs" vs. "wants" - and the more we reduce purchases of optional items, the less energy will be consumed and the less waste will be generated in the end.

Compost at Home or With a Service

Over 51% of the trash that goes to landfills is compostable. Rather than trapping these food scraps in a landfill where they will build up dangerous methane, try composting your non-meat waste in a composter, tumbler, or corner of your yard to create fertilizer to use in your garden. If you don't want to compost yourself, you can engage a local composting company to pick up your refuse a few times a month.

Your Diet - Eat Less Meat and Dairy

Make "Meatless Mondays" a family tradition. Eating a plant-based diet saves more carbon pollution than replacing your gas-based car with a hybrid.

Even little changes such as shifting away from beef can make a big difference. Eat more chicken! You can serve six pounds of chicken making the same climate impact as serving one pound of beef.

Meat and dairy have a large impact on climate change, with livestock accounting for about 14.5% of the world's greenhouse gases each year. That's roughly the same amount as emissions from all cars, trucks, airplanes, and ships in the world combined.

We invite you to select one or more behavior changes that make an impact. Pick an action item or two to challenge yourself and your family to conserve and make our resources last longer.

Enjoy your Chanukah holiday! May your candles burn brightly!

With thanks to JCAN (Jewish Climate Action Network) Boston, JCAN NY, Jewish Boston.



Inclusion B'Kavod invites you to join us at Ohev for these exciting programs and events! Save These Dates!

- October 22nd: Celebrations! @ Ohev
 Reunion Shabbat and extended kiddush
- November 6th: Breakfast program featuring Rabbi Lauren Tuchman
- January, 2023: Super Bowl Kosher Hoagie
 Sale; pick up February 5th
- February 11th: Inclusion B'Kavod Shabbat and lunch and learn with Sam Sittenfeld
- March 7th: "Hello Darkness My Old Friend" with Dr. Sanford D. Greenberg

Look for more information to follow in upcoming communications and on Ohev.org

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Friday
December 1 & 2
WATCH AND HELP

11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Mordechai will be creating an Ohev Shalom work of art live in the synagogue, stop in to watch and add your own brush stroke.

Thursday December 1 PINOT & PAINTING

7:30p.m

Enjoy an evening with friends creating your own piece of art with Mordechai, while sipping wine. \$24pp, register by 11/25 at www.ohev.org

Friday December 2
JOURNEY AS AN ARTIST

6:00p.m, Kabbalat Shabbat Mordechai discusses his fascinating life and career as an artist.

Saturday December 3 THE TORAH PAINTS THE PICTURE

9:30am, Shabbat morning Delightful D'var Torah of how the words of the Torah have guided Mordechai in terms of what to paint.

HAVDALLAH & UNKOSHER COMEDY SHOW

7:00p.m.

Mordechai presents "Art Becomes Me" followed by an adults only UnKosher Comedy Show featuring a Jewish comedy troupe. \$36pp, BYOKB, dessert will be provided. Register by 11/25 at www.ohev.org

Internationally Acclaimed Artist Mordechai Rosenstein

The Hebrew alphabet is the essence of the art of Mordechai Rosenstein. The vibrant shapes and colors of his art enhance synagogue interiors, tapestries, painting, murals, and silk screen prints. He has given a contemporary meaning to the art of Hebrew calligraphy.



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You will be able to purchase Mordechai's special art of Ohev Shalom.

His other art will also be on display and available for purchase during his visit. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Ohev Shalom.

Consider making a purchase for a special Chanukkah gift!

Questions? Reach out to event chairs:

Nadine Myerson mynad@aol.com

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MORDECHAI ROSENSTEIN ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

DECEMBER 1 - 3, 2022

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Jerry Kaplan, Allan Silverberg

















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